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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-85356, published on March 26, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 3 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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